Fisheries and Oceanographic Research Vessel 'Sagar Sampada' is being operated from the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Cochin. The ship has covered a large area of the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Arabian Sea and the potential areas for the abundance of living resources have been identified. For non-living resources, the Oceanographic Research Vessel 'Sagar Kanya' is operated all along the coastline of the Arabian Sea, including the Kerala Coast. Recently a project on the generation of electricity from waves is being implemented from Vizhinjam, Kerala.

Complaints received from Indians working abroad

1085. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received by the Government involving Indian nationals working abroad during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken on those complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hunger strike by Non-Gazetted Officers of Ordnance factories

1086. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Non-Gazetted Officers of the Ordnance factories and allied establishments had observed a week-long hunger strike in 36 establishments under leadership of All India Association of Non-Gazetted Officers of Ordnance factories and allied Establishments;

(b) if so, when the hunger strike took place;

(c) what were their demands; and

(d) what is Government's response to the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. From 23rd to 28th May 1988, hunger strike was observed by some of the Non-Gazetted officers in 13 units of Ordnance factories and allied establishments and not in 36 establishments.

(c) The demands were as follows:—

(i) Requiring all non-gazetted officers and other employees to work systematically on overtime for 54 hours per week.

(ii) Requiring employees in project factories, viz. OF Medak and Opto-electronic, Dehradun to work overtime.

(d) As per policy of Government the Management of the Factories asks employees to work overtime as per requirement related to production targets based on indents from the Defence Services on the factories.

1087. [*Transferred to the 12th August, 1988*]

Clearance of projects of the Government of West Bengal

1088. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects which the Government of West Bengal approached the Union Government several times during the last three years for clearance and approval;

(b) the details of the projects which have been cleared so far;

(c) the names of projects which are yet to be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No 43]

Mahananda left bank scheme

1089. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanda left bank scheme of West Bengal is pending with the Government for approval;

(b) the date on which the scheme was received and the reasons for inordinate delay; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Scheme for construction of embankment on the left bank of river Mahananda (Barsoi Branch) costing Rs. 405 lakhs was examined in the Ganga Flood Control Commission and comments were communicated to the State Government in January, 1977 for compliance.

Grants to CSIR for research projects

1090. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the budget provision for CSIR during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) what was the annual income of CSIR by way of Central grants (in figure and percentage) year-wise for Sixth plan and Seventh five year plan;

(c) the amount of money spent by CSIR for salary and wages (figure and percentage of total expenditure); and

(d) whether Government have awarded any grant to CSIR for undertaking, carrying on research projects on uses of coal and allied products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The budget provision for CSIR during the Seventh Year Plan period is of the order of Rs. 885.00 crores.

(b) The year-wise annual income of CSIR by way of Central grants for sixth and Seventh five year plans (in figure and percentage) is as given in the following statement:

VI Plan

Year	Rs. in crores	Grants %age of total income.
1980-81	53.55	81.69
1981-82	77.62	82.62
1982-83	93.90	80 42
1983-84	102.25	80 98
1984-85	121 38	83 92
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1985-86	155.16	84.53
1986-87	161.69	81.17
1987-88	172.38	79 78
1988-89	196 50	75 58B.E
1989-90	199 27	75.69 Projection